

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
UDC RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 03**

**SUBJECT: CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE UPON JOSÉ RAMÓN ANDRÉS,
CHEF & FOUNDER, WORLD FOOD KITCHEN**

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code §38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees has authority to award degrees and to establish policy with respect to the award of degrees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.2, the President, upon consultation with the Honorary Degree Committee and the Faculty Senate, has recommended that José Ramón Andrés be awarded an honorary degree for his invaluable contributions to our Washington, DC, the nation and the world as a chef, an activist, and advocate for social justice, peace, and change around the world, through a variety of activities, including, but not limited to: Serving as Chair of the DC Central Kitchen and establishment of the World Central Kitchen in 2010, which has helped over the years to feed people impacted by the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the 2017 hurricane in Puerto Rico, the 2018 wildfires in California, and over 12,000 furloughed federal workers in 2018. His professional skills and dedication to helping communities around the world have been acknowledged through a wide range of awards and recognition, including: Bon Appetit Magazine selected him as Chef of the Year in 2004; In recognition of his public service, TIME Magazine named him as one of the 100 most influential people in the world in two different years; President Barack Obama awarded him the 2015 National Humanities Medal; and in 2018, the James Beard Foundation named him “Humanitarian of the Year,” the same year he was nominated for a Nobel Prize. His social activism and support of nonviolent social change and his fearless leadership help make him an outstanding role model of the positive influence and effect that a dedicated, caring, and determined citizen can have in our community, nation and around the world; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.2, the President, upon consultation with the Faculty Senate, recommends to the Board of Trustees that José Ramón Andrés be awarded an honorary degree; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.3, the Board of Trustees must approve the recommendation of José Ramón Andrés by an affirmative vote of three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the members present at the meeting of the Board following the meeting at which the recommendation was made.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby approves the recommendation of the President to award the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters to José Ramón Andrés, with all the honors, privileges, and duties pertaining thereto.

Approved by the Academic & Student Affairs Committee:

March 17, 2021

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

April 20, 2021

Handwritten signature of Christopher D. Bell in cursive script.

Christopher D. Bell
Chairperson of the Board